



Joseph Franklin Swain

April 26, 1929 - April 28, 2019

Joseph Franklin Swain, 90, of Rush County, Arlington, IN passed away on April 28, 2019 in Vincennes, IN. He was born on April 26, 1929 in Posey Township in Rush County, IN to the late Gernie and Mossilene (Hester) Swain. Joseph graduated from Arlington High School as Valedictorian in 1947. He married Martha Belle (Good) Swain on March 26, 1950 and she survives. Joseph and Martha farmed the family farm until retirement. He was a life member of Blue River Wesleyan Church and was God's faithful servant. His memberships included Rushville Gideons and the Arlington Lion's Club. He and Martha enjoyed attending their sons many activities including 4-H and Purdue Glee Club concerts.

In addition to his wife, Martha, he is survived by his sons, Stephen (Ann) Swain of Chalmers, IN, Michael (Suzanne) Swain of Vincennes, IN, Philip (Sue) Swain of Bluffton, IN, James (Debbie) Swain of Vincennes, IN, Robert (Lisa) Swain of Fishers, IN, and David (Julie) Swain of Delphi, IN. Joseph will be missed by his grandchildren, Benjamin (Julie) Swain, Jonathan (Emily) Swain, Andrea (Travis) Piper, Cara (Bryan) Bunte, Julie (Lee) Westgerdes, Allison (Aaron) Chalfant, Shelby (Isaac) Myers, Justin Swain, Rachel Swain, Laura Swain, Emma Swain, Mason Swain, Hayley Swain, Ally (Andrew) Imel, Natali (Carson) Mann and 14 great grandchildren and one on the way. He is also survived by two sister-in-law Avonelle Good and Mary Helen Kaszynski. Joseph is preceded in death by his brother, Walter Lee Swain and 2 infant grandsons.

Services will be held on Saturday, May 4, 2019, at 10:30 AM in Blue River Wesleyan Church with Rev. Aaron Marshall presiding. Friends are welcome to visit the family on Friday, May 3, 2019 from 4-8 PM in Moster Mortuary, Rushville, IN. Burial will be held in Blue River Wesleyan Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Blue River Wesleyan Church or Rushville Gideons in memory of Joe.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 3. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Moster Mortuary
334 North Main Street
Rushville, IN 46173
(765) 932-3914
info@mostermortuary.com
<https://www.mostermortuary.com>

Service

MAY 4. 10:30 AM (ET)

Blue River Wesleyan Church
534 N 900 W
Arlington, IN 46104
(765) 663-2175

Tribute Wall



“ *Joseph Franklin Swain*

January 28, 2023 at 12:19 PM



“ *To Cousin Martha Belle and family,
We were saddened to learn of Joe's passing. We will miss his
wonderful smile and his friendship. Our deepest sympathy to all of
you.*

Love~ Keith and Jan Theobald

Keith Theobald - May 08, 2019 at 02:40 PM



“ *Christie Nelson purchased the Sympathy - Heart
Expressions for the family of Joseph Franklin
Swain.*



Christie Nelson - May 04, 2019 at 11:40 PM

“ Dear Mrs. Swain and family,

Please accept my sincerest condolences. Mr. Swain was such a sweetheart! My family and I have such fond memories of him running around the yard playing ball with all of us on certain 4th of Julys when the 5 families would get together to celebrate fun, friendship, and our nation's glorious independence. Mr. Swain always had a smile on his face, a twinkle in his eyes, and laughter that was so irresistibly catchy!

Mr. Swain was a true man of God as well. For each of those 4th of July get-to-gethers, we would pray before diving in to the delightful homemade foods set before us by the 5 moms. Mr. Swain would often be the dad saying the prayer. I remember him asking me once about my faith in Jesus and why it is that I believed in Him. I remember him patting me on the back or the head as he would say something funny or something encouraging. I remember him taking an interest in all of us kids.

Mr. Swain was a man of great love and tenderness. He truly loved his 6 sons, his grandchildren (and great grandkids, too) and took great delight in them. I didn't see him often after high school, but when I did, he would always have something positive and joyful to share with me about his dear boys who were mostly not boys anymore! :-) I could see that he loved each one and had such great pride in each one as he would catch me up a bit on them one by one. Most of the time, we'd be standing in the yard at his house as I would see him as I was driving by, and I would stop to chat and catch up.

Mrs. Swain and family.... how your hearts must grieve. Take comfort in knowing that Mr. Swain is with the Lord for all eternity now and that you also will join him one day. We'll all be there together with our Heavenly Father, Jesus our Savior, and Holy Spirit for ever and ever! In the meantime, may Holy Spirit minister to each of your aching hearts. May He fill your hearts with His peace and all

comfort.

May you also know that there is no doubt in my mind but that God rejoices over Mr. Swain and that when he was escorted into heaven that God said to him, "Well done, Thou good and faithful servant! You have been faithful..." Matthew 25:23

Christie Nelson - May 04, 2019 at 11:30 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Joseph Franklin Swain.*



May 03, 2019 at 08:39 AM



“ *Love, BMS staff and faculty purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Joseph Franklin Swain.*



Love, BMS staff and faculty - May 02, 2019 at 03:15 PM



“ *Father - Large Memorial Stone was purchased for the family of Joseph Franklin Swain.*



April 30, 2019 at 03:53 PM

SW

“ Steve And Jane Ward lit a candle in memory of Joseph Franklin Swain



Steve and Jane Ward - April 30, 2019 at 09:02 AM

PB

“ I am so happy I had a nice visit with Joe on his birthday. Thinking of your family during this time.

Patty Barnett

Patty Barnett - April 30, 2019 at 12:03 AM

AN

“ I don't know where to begin...What a wonderful example of God's love. I have known him all my life and I can't think of a time that I ever saw him mad or angry. He always had a smile on his face and was happy to see me. Wishing you all peace and treasured memories. Love, Ann (Dearinger)Megee. <3

Ann - April 29, 2019 at 09:38 PM

KP

“ Joe was a man of God and good friend to all. I am praying for a comforting peace for his family and friends.

Karen Pruet - April 29, 2019 at 12:19 PM